

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	§	
MAUFER et al.	§	Group Art Unit: 2139
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Serial No.: 10/603,416	§	Confirmation No.: 3444
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Filed: June 24, 2003	§	Examiner: Jenise E. Jackson
	§	
For: NETWORK PROTOCOL	§	
PROCESSING FOR	§	
FILTERING PACKETS	§	

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 20, 2008**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 20, 2008, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/NVDA/P000802/JAS for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.